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## **Durham Offers Contractors Training Session**

Online Registration Now Available for Free Seminar

What: Contractors Training Session: Doing Business with the City of Durham

Who: City of Durham Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Department

**When:** Thursday, April 6, 2017, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: City Hall Council Chambers

101 City Hall Plaza, First Floor

Durham, N.C. 27701

## **Fast Facts:**

- This free seminar will provide an introduction to the various departments within the City of Durham that provide contract and procurement opportunities. Representatives will be available to discuss upcoming project opportunities with the City's General Services Department, Purchasing Division, Public Works Department, and Water Management Department.
- Participants will be shown how to navigate through the City's website and notified of the changes to the City's Equal Business Opportunity Program. Participants will also gain information on how to market their business and how to partake in Business Opportunity and Technical Assistance Programs.

 Participants are asked to pre-register by completing the <u>online training request form</u> or by contacting Senior Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Specialist Eric Miller by <u>email</u> or at (919) 560-4180, extension 17241.

## **About the Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Department**

The City of Durham Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Department (EO/EA) is responsible for the implementation of the City's Equal Business Opportunity Program. Responsibilities include implementation of race and gender neutral measures to facilitate the participation of Underutilized Business Enterprises (UBEs) in contracting activity with the City. The EOEA Office also administers the Small Local Business Enterprise Program (SLBE) which works to increase employment opportunities for our residents through recruitment, certification, and maintenance of the SLBE data bank, business development, City project compliance, monitoring, and reporting. Guided by the City's Strategic Plan, the department ensures that its services support making Durham a great place to live, work, and play by focusing on a strong and diverse economy, assuring that City efforts are innovative and high-performing, and supporting the stewardship of the City's physical and environmental assets.

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